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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for replying to the Office action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on August 6, 2002 be extended for two months, to and including November 6, 2002.

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